[श्री महेन्द्र सिंह लाठर]

एक वाकया हुआ था जिसमें 15-16 आदमी मारे गये थे और कल जो वाकया टोहना में हुआ है उसमें 26 आदमी मारे गये हैं ... (**व्यवधान**)

उपसभापति : इस पर अलग से उनका स्पेशल मेंशन है ।

श्री महेन्द्र सिंह लाठर : हरियाणा ने एक हजार सेल्फ लोडिंग राइफलें मांगी थी, लेकिन केवल सौ दी गई हैं । उग्रवादियों के पास ए०के०-47 गन्स हैं । इसी तरह से पंजाब पुलिस ने भी मांग की थी और हरियाणा ने मांग की थी, लेकिन उनको नहीं दी गई हैं । उग्रवादी भाग-भाग कर हरियाणा के अंदर घुस रहे हैं, वहां पर ला एण्ड आर्डर खत्म हो चुका है । मैं समझता हूं कि सरकार को बताना चाहिये कि वह इस बारे में क्या कदम उठाने जा रहे हैं और एक स्टेटमेंट दें... (**व्यवधान**) ।

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: There is a special mention on this issue.

SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Madam, I think there are no two opinions on this question in this House. The statement made by Mr. Bal Thackeray is fraught with dangerous consequences. This House has condemned it. The point is that the Home Minister should take note of the feelings of this House and take necessary steps. There ends the matter. The Home Minister should tell us what kind of action he will take.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: He should come back to the House and tell us what he is doing.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The Home Minister is not here. If you trust the Deputy Chairman, I will convey the sense of the House to the Home Minister. The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs is also not here. There are thre other Ministers here, they will also convey it to him.

RE: PRESS INTERVIEW OF MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON RURAL LABOUR.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: (West Bengal): Madam, Deputy Chairman, I seek your permission to raise an important issue. The "Economic Times" has published an interview of the Minister of Agriculture. He has given it on the 5th November. Fortunately the Minister of Agriculture is now present in the House ... (*Interruptions*) ... There was a National Commission on Rural Labour. It was appointed by the then Prime Minister, late Mr. Rajiv Gandhi. This Commission was called upon to prepare an indepth report about the conditions of the rural labour and recommend what the Government should do to improve their lot. That was the terms of reference. The Commission included a number of Members of Parliament, a number of leading economists, a number of social activists. The Commission submitted its report on the 30th July to the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister promised that the Government will take note of the report and they will come up with their recommendations to the Parliament. That was the commitment. That promises appeared in the different newspapers. This Commission has recommended that agricultural tax should be imposed. This Commission has recommended many other things like social security minimum wages and all that. He was asked a question by the Reporter of the "Economic Times" to give his opinion on the agricultural tax. He said, I quote:

> "It is a Commission which has recommended something on rural labour which wants a combined harvest. What can be more absurd than that?"

That was the answer to the first question. The second question put to him

was: "What has happened to the report?". The answer was:

> "It will come to me. I have to discuss it. But this type of people do exist in this country. My god, I am really ashamed, shocked. How can people be so perverse."

Madam, two points are involved in this. The first is the question of collective responsibility. While the Prime Minister says that the Government will give consideration to it, another member of the Government calls the Commission, its members and recommendations perverse. Therefore, it is a violation of the principle of collective responsibility.

The other point is ...(*Interruptions*).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please be brief. I have hardly any time left. Don't make a statement. Just ask the Minister—he is here—whether he said it or not.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: The other point involved in this is, he is calling the members of the Commission, including Members of Parliament, perverse and he is ashamed and shocked' that some suh people are there in the country.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Enough, Mr. Gupta,

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: I want to know if he has spoken like this. I demand his apology.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please give him time to reply, if you want it. (*Interruptions*). Enough Nothing will go on record when I say 'enough'.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

SHRI P. UPENDRA (Andhra Pradesh): That recommendation is perverse. I support him.

SHRI SOM PAL (Uttar Pradesh): Yes. I also support them. This recommendation is perverse. And Madam,..

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I am not permitting you, please.

आपको क्या कहना है ?

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA (Karnataka): Madam, I am a member on that Commission. How can a Commission for Rural Labour take in the interests of big landlords? It will not and that recommendation will never be satisfactory to the big landlords... (*Interruptions*).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Order, please. No comments.

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: ..Those who have not implemented the land reforms, those who are not working in the interests of the rural labour. They will certainly say that that report is perverse. As long as our dual policy continues in this country. ...(*Interruptions*).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN. Jakhar Saheb has to reply to the discussion.

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: .....Certain reports have to attract these adverse remarks by the people who are not interested in this cause.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Hardly 10 minutes are there. Mr. Minister, you have to reply.

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Of course, it is well within the terms of reference and the terms of reference were given by the Government. (*Interruptions*).

डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय (उत्तर प्रदेश) : महोदया,...

उपसभापति : पाण्डेय जी, समय नहीं है । उनको जवाब देना है ।... **(व्यवधान)**...उनको जवाब देना है प्लीज ...**(व्यवधान)**...जवाब देने दीजिये, कल बोल दीजिये, आज नहीं । मंत्री जी खड़े हो गये हैं ।

*Not recorded.

श्री ईश दत्त यादव (उत्तर प्रदेश) : मैडम मेरे स्पेशल मेंशन का क्या हुआ ?

उपसभापति : स्पेशल मेंशन जवाब के बाद होंगे । मेरे पास लिस्ट में ऐसा ही लिखा है ।

श्री ईश दत्त यादव : मेरा नाम आपने बोल दिया था ।

उपसभापति : मुझे पता नहीं था । सेक्रेटेरियेट ने कहा कि पहले जवाब होगा । वाइसचेयरमैन ने यही अनाउन्स किया था । I am following that.

श्री राज मोहन गांधी (उत्तर प्रदेश) : मैडम, मुझे भी रेज करने का मौका दीजिये ।

उपसभापति : अभी होम मिनिस्टर साहब नहीं हैं । जब वे हों तब रेज करिये । I cannot answer that question.

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): Madam Chairperson, I have to reply to that. First of all, may I just say a few words? Please do not take it personally. I did not mean it that way. It is only a question of a certain idea which I do not like. You may also have your own ideas. That is all.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Your statement categorises him ...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR: It is a question of ideology. That is all. I know it. I have done it. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Can you say it is parlimenatary etiquette to say you are ashamed ...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR: I cannot be ashamed about you. I can never be because I have the highest regard ...(*Interruptions*). This is not the thing. I said it only of an idea. That is all.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: What is the idea?

SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR: How can we go backwards? That is all.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: You categorically said, 'some people'.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN. He explained that he talked about the idea. Te may not like it. (*Interruption*). He said he did not mean any derogation of Members. He has said it. I have heard him.

SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR: Take it easy. That was not the idea. Let us march forwards, not backwards.

SHORT DURATION DISCUSSION on the havoc caused by the recent earthquake in Northern part of the country, particularly in the Garhwal region of Uttar Pradesh—Contd.

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): Madam, I have heard and noted points. My colleague here noted all the points because I was also to reply in the other House regarding natural calamities, about the flood and cyclone calamities. So I was, for sometime, absent from this House. But I have noted down all the points and I know the agony which every Member has expressed about that. I can share that. I really feel sorry about what has happened to my people, to my brethren who are still suffering due to the onset of winter. I can give a categorical recount of what has happened there. ...(*Interruptions*)...